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I was reading some quotes from Warren Wiersbe on stewardship in prep for this message and I want you to hear what he said in relation to our text for today: Christians are stewards of the gifts and abilities God has given them, and we must use those gifts and abilities to serve others. The thief says "What's yours is mine, I'll take it. The selfish man says, "What's mine is mine, I'll keep it." But the Christian must say, "What's mine is a gift from God. I'll share it." We are stewards and we must use our abilities to win the lost, encourage the saints and meet the needs of hurting people.

I. The Root Beginning of a Good Steward

Now the root beginning of a Steward is salvation in its self. If you're saved, you are a steward. But the back drop of a Good Steward or the root Beginning are in vs 7-9

A. Because of the Nearness of the Lord vs 7

Peter said very similar words in that great pentecostal message. Acts 2:17 mentions Last days and we are today in those last days. I believe we are in the last days of the last days. This

is a motivation for the steward to be a good Steward. To not slumber and miss the needs of those around us, but to be alert, sober to the lives in danger to coming Tribulation. Also Prayerful where in is the

source of power for faithful and good stewardship. The return of Christ + Judgment ^{root of good st}

B. Because of the Necessity of Love ^{vs 8-9}

Jesus in his final days, gave a tremendous commandment that all his subjects are ^{to} follow. In 13:34. As a matter of fact Jesus went on to say that love is the distinguishing characteristic of his disciples (In 13:35) This love is a forgiving and forgiving love. It covers or hides our sins and unsightly failures. So often we want to highlight where others don't measure up. Tom Hayes + the Choir robes. "They cover a multitude of sins." ^{vs 9} Gives an example of this love. Jewish Christians ³ were scattered and

II. The Resources Bestowed for a Good ^{Steward}

The gifts bestowed upon the body of Christ are many + varied but they are a resource for living out the Love of Christ the ^{root of} stewardship

A. The Assurance of Gifts ^{vs 10a} - Every

person in the body of Christ has been given a gift. A gift to be exercised in the body of Christ for the body of Christ. Peter assures us that we do have a gift, that you were not left out. And a good ^{steward} should apply themselves in ^{the use of gift}

B. The Aim of Gifts ^{vs 10b} - Our spiritual

gift that God has given us should be aimed not at ourselves, but at others. The word minister simply means to serve. Our gifts are to the end that we might serve one another. The

God desires that we all, as born again children of God, be good stewards of the gifts and blessings that he has given us and here in this text we see the root, the resources, and the ultimate result of being a good steward.

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2) John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

3)were scattered abroad, rejected, and dependent upon the hospitality and kindness of other Jews while traveling to and residing in other countries.

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1) There were many gifts that God chooses to give to his stewards. These are found in Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28, and Ephesians 4:7-8: Apostleship, prophecy, miracles, healings, knowledge, tongues, interpretation of tongues, wisdom, discernment, giving, exhortation, ministering, mercy-showing, ruling, faith, teaching, evangelism, and pastor-teacher.

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Church at Corinth had problems because gifts were aimed at themselves not at others

C. The Administration of Gifts vs 10c - We are not owners of these gifts but administrators stewards of these gifts. Just as the servants were given 10, 5, + 2 talents in Matthew 25 and were expected to profit their master with those talents we are to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts

D. The Awesomeness of Gifts vs 10d - These gifts that we have been placed in stewardship over are gifts that are graciously given. At work you may praise yourself and have promoted and be given some position. Not in God's family, grace unmerited favor, manifold, the many colored dyes ①

E. The Assortment of Gifts vs 11a+b - Peter here breaks down these gifts in two categories. Speaking gifts + Serving gifts. Everyone can't be behind the scenes serving, likewise Everyone can't be out front speaking. But whether speaking or serving good stewards endeavor to do their best. ^{to highest ability} ~~Speaking gifts of God serve~~

III The Resulting Benefit of a Good Steward
Peter has already stated that whatever spiritual gift we have been given is to be aimed at one another and we will benefit from each other's gift but what is ultimate benefit?

A. The Center of Benefit vs 11c. God is the one who receives ultimate benefit for the proper stewardship of our gifts. The using of our gifts should not be for our own exaltation or merely for the benefit of others but as one author put it we must keep as the one inspiring idea in the

B. The Spectrum of Benefit vs 11d - this endeavor to bring God glory transcends just the use of our spiritual gifts but goes into everything that we do. 1 Cor 6:20; 10:31. Whether washing dishes or making ^{wedget} do all for God's glory. Our utmost for His highest

C. The Substance of Benefit vs 11e - What is this benefit to God? It is called Glory! It indicate a rendering of honor or esteem or magnification. Where the world says "Look at these servants, how they love and labor for their God. He must be one mere ^{God} of a

D. The Strength of Benefit vs 11f - But do 64:6 says that our best is nothing but filthily rags before God. That is why this ^{three} Jesus Christ is so important. It is thru Him that these gifts are given ^{and as} Burkeitt writes in whose strenght these gifts are rightly employed

E. The Song of Benefit vs 11g - then Peter just breakes out in to a Hallelujah course. Singing that all praise and glory should be given to Our God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. And that all dominion or power ^{might} and strenght be given to Him for all time

IV. Warren Wiershe went on to say, "A steward does not even but manages all that his master puts into his hands. God asked Moses "What is that in thine hand?" God took that staff and worked wonders, What is in your hand?"

1. The Gifts, 10/10/10

- 1) 1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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- 2) ...in whose strength these gifts are rightly employed, and by whose merits and intercession our intention to glorify God by them is accepted.